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SUBJECT: COMMISSION ON STATUS OF WOMEN, RESUMED SESSION
DECEMBER 6-17

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1. USUN IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE FRENCH MISSION TO THE UN IN NEW YORK TO SEEK FRENCH COOPERATION FOR THE PASSAGE OF US SPONSORED DRAFT RESOLUTION TO BE TAKEN UP AT THE RESUMED SESSION OF THE UN COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN, OPENING GENEVA DECEMBER 6, CONCERNING THE RIGHT OF THE COMMISSION TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMUNICATIONS ON WOMEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 76(V). IT SHOULD ALSO URGE FRENCH COOPERATION WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE WEO GROUP IN SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION AT THE GENEVA MEETING OF THE COMMISSION IN EVENT FRENCH UNABLE TO VOTE FOR RES.

2. MISSION SHOULD INDICATE THE IMPORTANCE THAT THE US
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ATTACHES TO THIS RESOLUTION AND TO THIS US INITIATIVE IN

THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN. PARA 2 REFTEL
EXPLAINS ISSUE IN SOME DETAIL AND MAY BE HELPFUL IN
DISCUSSING MATTER WITH FRENCH.

3. TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTION (WHICH CIRCULATED IN GENEVA
OCTOBER 1) AS FOLLOWS:
COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING THE STATUS OF WOMEN

BELGIUM, CANADA, DENMARK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, EGYPT:
DRAFT RESOLUTION

THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN RECOMMENDS TO THE
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING
RESOLUTION:

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

RECALLING ITS DECISION 86 (LVIII) OF 6 MAY 1975, IN WHICH
THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN WAS INVITED TO
CONSIDER THE ADVISABILITY OF CONTINUING TO DEAL WITH
COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING THE STATUS OF WOMEN,

RECALLING FURTHER THAT DESPITE THE SPECIFIC PROCEDURES
PROVIDED FOR IN ITS RESOLUTION 1503 (XLVIII) FOR DEALING
WITH COMMUNICATIONS, SUCH PROCEDURES DO NOT IN ANY WAY
DETRACT FROM THE COMPETENCE OF THE COMMISSION ON THE
STATUS OF WOMEN UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ECOSOC
RESOLUTION 76(V) AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION 3041 (XI),

NOTING THE RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS AND PROCEDURES DEALING
WITH COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE STATUS
OF WOMEN, AS SET FORTH IN THE EXPLANATORY REPORT OF THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL, (E/5628) AND IN THE NOTE OF THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL (E/CN.6/602),

BEARING IN MIND THAT THE 1975 UNITED NATIONS WORLD
CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR AND THE
WORLD PLAN OF ACTION SUPPORT WOMEN IN ALL COUNTRIES OF
THE WORLD IN THEIR PROTESTS AGAINST VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN
RIGHTS AND CALLS FOR AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND
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EXPERIENCE AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL AS AN EFFECTIVE
MEANS OF STIMULATING PROGRESS AND ENCOURAGING THE
ADOPTION OF MEASURES TO ELIMINATE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST
WOMEN,

NOTING FURTHER THAT EXERCISE OF THAT COMPETENCE IN REGARD
TO COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING THE STATUS OF WOMEN DOES NOT
IN ANY WAY DETRACT FROM THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SEPARATE

AND DISTINCT UNITED NATIONS PROCEDURES FOR DEALING WITH

COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS NOR DOES IT PREVENT THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND OTHER UNITED NATIONS BODIES FROM RECEIVING COPIES OF THE SAME COMMUNICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR DIFFERENT PURPOSES,

MINDFUL OF THE LACK OF ANY OTHER UNITED NATIONS BODY PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE CLEARINGHOUSE FOR INFORMATION SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL BY PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED WITH IMPROVING THE STATUS OF WOMEN,

1. DECIDES TO RETAIN AS PART OF THE COMMISSION'S WORK PROGRAMME THE CONSIDERATION OF THOSE COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL UNDER COUNCIL RESOLUTION 728 (F)(XXVIII) RELATING TO THE STATUS OF WOMEN;

2. ESTABLISHES AN AD HOC WORKING GROUP TO MEET DURING THE REGULAR COMMISSION SESSIONS TO REVIEW SUCH COMMUNICATIONS IN PRIVATE, HAVING DUE REGARD TO MAINTAINING THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF INDIVIDUAL COMMUNICATIONS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF STUDYING INFORMATION HELPFUL TO THE COMMISSION IN FULFILLING ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE UNDER COUNCIL RESOLUTION 48 (IV) OF 29 MARCH 1947, IN THE FIELD OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS;

3. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO FORWARD TO THE COMMISSION TWO LISTS, ONE CONFIDENTIAL AND ONE NON-CONFIDENTIAL, SUMMARIZING COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED RELATING TO THE STATUS OF WOMEN PURSUANT TO PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN ECOSOC RESOLUTION 76 (V) AND ITS AMENDMENT, CONFIDENTIAL

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RESOLUTION 304 (XI)." ROBINSON

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